Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.— (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11). Vide answers to sub-divisions a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i and j respectively of question No. 395.

(10) From 27—2—'24 to 18—10—'27. He was an undergraduate till March 1927.

Pay of the subordinate staff in the Education Department.

397. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) when was the last revision of the pay of teachers effected; when the previous one;

(2) how far has that revision inproved the material condition of the teachers ;

(3) when the Special Finance Committee was engaged in considering the grievances of the subordinates of the various Departments, were not the grievances of the teachers placed before the Director and the Government by the duly constituted Teachers' Association of Cochin ;

(4) what has the Director of Public Instruction, who was a Member of the Special Finance Committee, done in the way of remedying the grievances of the teachers ;

(5) cannot the Government find its way to improve the present low pay of teachers and adopt the very modest scale recommended by the Cochin Teachers' Association ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) Vide answer to sub-division (a) of question No. 137 of the last Vrischigam sitting.

(2) There has been a general improvement in their salaries.

(3) Vide answer to (b) of question No. 137 of the last Vrischigam sitting.

(4) Vide answer to sub-division (c) of question No. 137 of the Vrischigam sitting.

(5) The second scheme submitted by the Teachers' Association is engaging the attention of Government.

Panchayat Works.

398. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar—.Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government is aware of the inordinate delay for undertaking and completing the works proposed to be done through the Panchayat Department;

(b) if so, whether the Government is aware of the causes for the same;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to expedite such matters?

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) There is no inordinate delay generally. But instances are however not wanting where there is some delay and this is inevitable under the present stage of advancement of the Panchayats.

(b) Vide answer (a) above.

(c) Government are taking all possible steps to minimise delay ; but much of the remedy should come within the Panchayats themselves.

Scheme for the working of the Tramway.

399. **Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government had called for any scheme from the Tramway Engineer for working the Tramway on profitable lines;

(b) the amount of loss incurred by the Government on the Tramway for the last 6 years after giving credit to the Tramway charges for the transport of Government timber, at the rates at which private timber is transported ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) A statement giving the information is placed on the Council Table.

400. **Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government had called for any scheme from the Tramway Engineer for working the Tramway on profitable lines ;

(b) the amount of loss incurred by the Government on the Tramway for last 6 years after giving credit to the Tramway charges for the transport of Government timber at the rates at which private timber is transported ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) and (b). The Member is referred to the question No. 399.

Lease of the Tramway.

401. **Mr. C. Barton Wright.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether offers were received in 1103 from private agencies to lease the Tramway to them; and if so,

(b) on what terms and why they were not considered ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) and (b). Vide answers to sub-divisions (a) and (b) of question No. 197 of the Legislative Session of Kumbham 1103 ; and the answer to question No. 270 of the Legislative Session of Kumbham 1104.

402. **Mr. C. Barton Wright.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether they have any definite policy as regards the future working of the Tramway ?

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